

Good Morning Coaches!

I'm excited to announce that on Sunday October 29, Riverside Roller Skating Academy will host the 2017-2018 Fall Games at Grand Terrace (club practice facility). A formal invite will be coming directly from the club president and/or registrar Victor, shortly...but mark your calendars.

For those that are new to the "Games" circuit, this is a grassroots program we have adopted as a stepping stone for our **non-amateur card holding** skaters. The competitions are quite small lasting only a few hours tops and feature **non-USARS** events in an effort to expose our most beginner skaters to the benefits of competition. These small local events were developed as a useful tool to pull skaters from classes, get into private lessons and hopefully into our SCAL league competitions within a season.

Upcoming Games Events 2017-2018 season:

Fall Games Cal Skate Grand Terrace October 29
Winter Games Glendale Early December, late January TBD
Spring Games Victorville April-May TBD
Summer Games San Diego July-August TBD

Below is a list of events to be skated at a typical "Games" event.

Freestyle A: Spiral, Shoot the Duck, Bunny Hop on straightaways with crosspulls on the corners. (Judged the same as at a SCAL meet) Skaters complete 2 laps of the sequence

Freestyle B: Cannonballs (may complete several per straightaway) Scooter pushes on the corner. Skaters complete 2 laps of the sequence.

Dance A: Stroking on the straightaway, Corner Steps of a dance from the first dance test ie. Glide Waltz (specific dance chosen at the discretion of hosting rink, please refer to entry sheet) Judged the same as at a SCAL meet. Skaters will be flighted for this event and will be skating to specific tempo listed on entry sheet.

Dance B: Scooter Pushes in a 1/2 rink circle. Skaters perform scooter pushes in both directions in a large circle to timing (typically 88 blues). This will be skated as a group with a "pace car" from hosting rink leading the group from the first direction into the second direction (think figure 8).

Figures A: Figure 1 (skaters may use a rolling start without deduction)

Figures B: Figure 1 Skaters may use 2 additional pushes around each circle as needed.

Synchro: Teams may consist of 3 skaters or more. No minimum time limit, Max time 2 min. No requirements

Open Free/Creative: No minimum time limit, Max Time 2 min. No requirements

Some Basic Info:

- *First entry is \$10 and \$5 for all additional events
- *Spectator fees charged at discretion of the host rink (not to exceed \$3)
- *Doors typically open between 7am-9am
- *Events may be split by age groups depending on size of entry
- *Type of Awards are left to the discretion of the hosting rink
- *Additional Entries are typically accepted up until day of the event (please contact host rink for details)
- *These are non-sanctioned events are not open to USARS members (amateur card holding members)
- *Judges do not need to be certified, but must be at least 15 years of age and have basic skating knowledge

Please keep in mind the spirit of these events is to grow the sport in our area, from the ground up.

They provide several opportunities for us as coaches:

- *allows coaches to connect on the next level with class skaters
- *introduces class skaters to club, junior club or private lessons
- *advances the responsibilities of our assistant or class coaches
- *provides basic judging opportunities for the apprentice judges in your rink
- *provides team building opportunities for your new families (ie. stewarding, bake sale, registration, music check-in)

I hope that this document has helped to familiarize some of you with this exciting program for our new or recreational skaters. I am always happy to answer additional questions, or listen to suggestions, so please do not hesitate to send an email to me at candice_heiden@yahoo.com

Best of luck, and I hope to see you all benefit from participating in these events!

Sincerely,

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